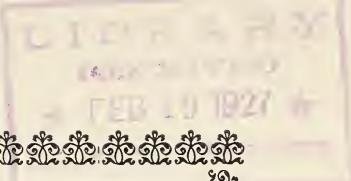


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Dahlias*



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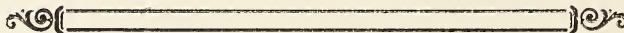
The Dahlia

SAN FRANCISCO'S OFFICIAL FLOWER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted the Dahlia as the Official Flower of San Francisco, the City by the Golden Gate, by Resolution passed October 4th, 1926. (Resolution No. 26244 new series.)

I will say to you in other municipalities, "Go thou and do likewise," and have your City adopt the Dahlia as its official flower.

As the Dahlia has established itself preeminently as a flower of merit, we can aim for greater achievements and have the Dahlia proclaimed the National Flower of the United States.



TO MY PAST AND PROSPECTIVE PATRONS

I take pleasure in presenting to you my 1927 catalog. All dahlias listed in this catalog are my own introductions and have won many prizes at the various shows. They are very large with stiff stems and hold the flowers well above foliage, in fact, they have every good quality required. Personally, I can not boast of any prizes won by myself since 1922 as I have not entered in competition. I receive more pleasure by staging complimentary exhibits and it has been very gratifying to hear of my patrons winning coveted prizes in the Dahlia World with my creations.

Thanking you all for your numerous letters of kind expression, praise, and encouragement, and trusting that our future business relations will be as satisfactory as heretofore, I am

Yours for the Dahlia,

J. W. DAVIES.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF MY 1928 INTRODUCTION



JUANITA CHUBBUCK — A most wonderful Peony, with good stems, which hold the flowers well above the foliage. It is an excellent keeper. Supreme in its color of white with a blush of orchid. The visitors at the Dahlia Shows acclaimed it the most beautiful flower they had ever seen.

ROSANA CIRELLI—Another charming addition to the Peony class, its color of old gold suffused with golden-rod and amber makes it a favorite for decorative purposes. It is a free bloomer, and has good stems which hold the flowers well above the foliage.

LU LU—A very remarkable decorative dahlia, it is most attractive as each petal has a perfect marcelle wave. The color is ruby with reverse of petals cerise.



DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Aladdin—Old rose with golden shading. A most prolific bloomer. An artist described this as the most perfect blending of colors he had ever seen in a dahlia. \$1.50.

Al Koran—Yellow suffused with golden rod and amber. The petals of this flower have a marcelle wave effect which makes it very attractive. It is a great prize winner, receiving first prize at the San Francisco and Oakland Shows in 1922 for best established seedling. Also first prize for vase of twelve blooms which were shown with stems at the latter show. This dahlia has won numerous prizes in all parts of the world. \$2.00.

Al Malaikah—Salmon shading to orange yellow, suffused with old rose. Impossible to describe the beauty of this flower. Exceptionally long straight stems and the flowers keep well when cut. \$1.50.

Mecca—Burnt orange. Exceptionally large flowers. This is a great favorite among visitors to the garden. \$1.50.

Murat—Apricot shading to coral pink. The extreme edge of each petal looks as though an artist's brush had painted it with coral pink. \$1.50.

Salaam—Shade of fuschia. This is a very uncommon color among dahlias and very attractive in the garden. \$1.50.



PEONY DAHLIAS

Alma Davies—Salmon pink shading to deep old rose and apricot. In 1921 I received the following prizes with this dahlia: First prize at Oakland for a vase of twelve blooms, one variety. Also first prize on collection of California Dahlias and first prize on collection of Peony Dahlias at Palace Hotel Show, San Francisco. First prize for vase of best three-year-old seedling at the Pacific Coast Horticultural Society Show. Other awards: First prize for best basket of Peony Dahlias. In 1925 this flower, exhibited by H. R. Chapman, took first prize for the largest Peony in the open to all class at the New Jersey Dahlia Society Show held at Newark, N. J. This dahlia will not wilt on a hot day as the ordinary dahlia is apt to do. It is a wonderful keeper and has from fifteen to eighteen inches of stem to the first lateral and every bloom on the bush is perfect. \$2.50.

Jean Robinson—A wonderful Peony Dahlia. Lavender shading to orchid and the flowers are very large, of perfect form and on good stems. This is an excellent addition to the Peony Class for exhibition purposes, especially for those who exhibit with long stems. The price of this wonderful creation is \$2.50.

Mrs. Jim McCandless—Old gold shading to apricot. This dahlia was in all my prize winning collections in 1921 and 1922. \$1.50.

Thelma Jorgensen—Cavalry gold, dark orange and white. This dahlia was in my prize winning collection. This fancy will very often produce a flower with the solid color of cavalry gold and dark orange. \$1.50.



HYBRID CACTUS

Alice Voisinet—A new Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. The color is bronze and copper shading to buff and henna, with a beautiful golden sheen. The flower is very large with perfect form and extra good stems. It is a good keeper. The foliage of the plant is very dark, being different from any other dahlia, and this wonderful introduction is on the market for \$2.50.

Islam Patrol—Very dark velvety scarlet, tipped and flushed with pure gold. This dahlia should be in every garden, as it is a flower with an enviable record. From 1921 to the present time it has received numerous prizes in all parts of the world. In addition to the beauty of this dahlia, its keeping qualities are positively unexcelled. \$3.00.

Ismalia—Velvety maroon shading to red. This is a very beautiful flower, being extremely large and on stiff stems. I have received numerous comments from all parts of the country on the exquisite beauty of this attractive dahlia. \$1.50.

Moslem—Burnt orange shading to amber. A beautiful flower admired by everybody. \$1.50.

Syria—The only perfectly-formed fancy Hybrid Cactus. May rose and canary yellow striped and splashed with dark cardinal. This dahlia is a great prize winner. \$2.00.

Yaarab—Another very fine Hybrid Cactus with all the good qualities a dahlia can possess. The color is dark cardinal and the flowers are very large on stiff stems. It is a prolific bloomer and every flower an exhibition bloom. \$2.50.



ORDER EARLY—Early orders are solicited.

TERMS—Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

GUARANTEE—I guarantee all tubers to be healthy and true to name. If not satisfactory, they must be returned immediately upon receipt.

I extend to you a cordial invitation to join The Dahlia Society of California. Dues \$2.00 per year entitles you to all privileges.

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